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IMF panellists debate need for updated policy frameworks

Central bankers and senior economists debated how key aspects of monetary policy-making should be updated, in remarks at the International Monetary Fund and World Bank annual meetings on October 25. Many central banks are currently in the process of reviewing their monetary policy frameworks.

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Governors weigh macroeconomic risks at G30 event

Central bank governors and other experts explored macroeconomic risks facing the global economy in remarks at a Group of Thirty meeting on October 26. Klaas Knot, president of The Netherlands Bank, said he sees partly cloudy skies in the euro area with a silver lining. The current mood is like October weather in Amsterdam, he said, elaborating that it is not as bad as some people would have you believe, but it's definitely not great.

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Guindos says European approach tops national one on bank mergers

European Central Bank Vice President Luis de Guindos highlighted the virtues of European banking consolidation. Speaking in an interview with Italian news agency Ansa published on Tuesday on the ECB website.

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Guindos says ECB sees substantial risks to inflation outlook

The European Central Bank has made significant progress in bringing down inflation but can't declare victory just yet, according to Vice President Luis de Guindos. "The incoming information shows that the disinflationary process is now well on track," he said on Monday [28/10] in Madrid.

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Surprise US election haven for some investors is embattled Yen

For all the weakness in the yen this year, history shows that Japan's currency is still in the running to be a surprise haven for investors seeking shelter from the US presidential election. Japan's currency has beaten the greenback, Swiss franc, gold, Treasuries and euro among the most popular safe assets ahead of past elections, data compiled by Bloomberg show.

US Treasury trims borrowing estimate to \$546bn for quarter

The US Treasury trimmed its estimate for federal borrowing for the current quarter, while continuing to expect a \$700bn cash balance at the end of the year, just before the federal debt ceiling kicks back in.

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Consumers have only modest confidence in Fed's economic management, survey shows

A survey of more than 5,000 consumers found only modest confidence in the Federal Reserve's ability to manage inflation and unemployment effectively. The average level of trust in the Fed's ability was measured at 3.2 on a scale of 1 to 7 (with 7 equaling the highest trust).

Uncertainty runs deep, investors seek clearer signals

Investors in Asia could be forgiven for going into Tuesday's session with a high degree of trepidation, as markets get pulled by a plethora of local and global forces in all sorts of directions. Rare political instability continues to weigh on Japan's markets after Sunday's inconclusive general election, while Chinese markets digest yet another push from the PBOC to inject liquidity into the financial system.

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EXCHANGE RATES OF SELECTED CURRENCIES

CURRENCIES	BUYING		SELLING	
+USD/GBP	1.2980	(1.2977)	1.2981	(1.2977)
+USD/EUR	1.0816	(1.0811)	1.0817	(1.0812)
*GHS/USD	16.1419	(16.1419)	16.1581	(16.1581)
*GHS/GBP	20.9522	(20.9474)	20.9748	(20.9683)
*GHS/EUR	17.4587	(17.4532)	17.4761	(17.4678)

+SOURCE: BOG INTERNAL TRANSACTION RATES: 29/10/24 (Rates for 28/10/24 in brackets)

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Japan's job market tightens in positive sign for wages, BOJ

Japan's labor market tightened in September, indicating sustained pressure on companies to raise wages ahead of the Bank of Japan's policy meeting this week. The job-to-applicant ratio edged up to 1.24 from 1.23 in August, meaning that there were 124 jobs offered for every 100 applicants.

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BOK board member Chang said property market risks need further checks, minutes show

A voting Bank of Korea board member, Chang Yong-sung, who dissented in its decision to cut interest rates on Oct. 11, said any rate reduction should be delayed to prevent further spikes in property prices, minutes from the bank's meeting showed. The BOK voted 6-1 to cut policy interest rates to 3.25% earlier this month as uncertainties regarding the future path of output increased while headline inflation in September undershot the bank's 2% target.

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Indian lenders face rising defaults from over-leveraged retail borrowers

A rise in defaults by over-leveraged small borrowers is hitting India's top lenders, with bank executives and analysts expecting higher levels of stress in the personal loans and micro-credit segments over the next year. The rise in defaults marks a turn in the credit cycle for Indian lenders, whose bad loans dropped to a multi-year low of 2.8% of all assets as of end-March, according to central bank data.

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Thai government pushes for higher inflation target at BOT meeting

Thailand's inflation target should work to lift inflation above 1%, the finance minister said before a meeting with the central bank where he hoped to be able to reach an agreement on a new target and whether it should be a midpoint or range. Finance Minister and Bank of Thailand (BOT) Governor, along with officials, are meeting to discuss the inflation target.

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Earnings boost STOXX 600 to one-week high

Europe's benchmark index touched a one-week high on Tuesday, driven by earnings from major players in the region, while investors awaited earnings from Alphabet later in the day. The pan-European STOXX 600 (. STOXX) ticked 0.2% higher by 0810 GMT, after opening at its highest level since October 21.

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Oil prices little changed though US reserve bid lends support

Oil prices were little changed after falling in the previous session as a US plan to buy oil for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) provided some support though wider concerns about weaker future demand growth exerted pressure. Brent crude futures climbed 4 cents to \$71.46 a barrel by 0705 GMT, while US West Texas Intermediate crude was down 1 cent at \$67.37 a barrel.

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South African rand edges higher as investors await mid-term budget

South Africa's rand edged higher in early trade on Tuesday, as investors held off from placing big moves ahead of mid-term budget announcement this week. At 0717 GMT, the rand traded at 17.6675 against the U.S. dollar, about 0.17% firmer than Monday's closing level.

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Nigeria signs naira-funding deal with IFC to cut currency risks

Nigeria's central bank and the International Finance Corp. signed an agreement to facilitate local-currency financing, hoping to boost demand for naira while helping firms to avoid the exchange-rate risk of borrowing in foreign currencies.

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Ghana eyes fuel imports from Dangote oil refinery

Ghana could buy petroleum products from Nigeria's Dangote Oil Refinery once the facility is operating at full capacity, cutting more expensive exports from Europe, the head of the country's oil regulator said on Monday [28/10].

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